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Inflation gradually deflates meaning of college grades

By Janice Corder

Does an A mean what it did 10 or 15 years ago?

Many instructors at Northwest say it does not. Grade inflation has apparently become a national problem in universities, high schools and even grade schools.

"I suspect if you look at the trend in national schools that the A of 20 years ago is not the same," said Dr. George English, vice president for academic affairs. "Grade inflation is very uneven in different institutions."

"It is a problem," said Dr. Don Crowley, political science instructor. "There's a tendency for expectations to be pushed up. C is supposed to be average, but it seems that now B is an average grade. C doesn't mean average—it means below average. Grade inflation is a national problem. The same type of thing happens everywhere."

Jeff McCall, broadcasting instructor, agrees.

"Grade inflation is a problem at every university and high school, too," McCall said. "To me an A means the same that it did when I first came here (1978). I like to think that I haven't changed my standards. But when I went to school at DePaul University they didn't pass out A's as easily. At DePaul the dean went on a harangue every semester to avoid this."

Roger Corley, history instructor, said, "I'm positive that an A doesn't mean the same thing it used to. The long-term trend over the past 15 years has been grade inflation. When I first started teaching 14 years ago I know we slunked a lot more people. But the inflation tends to be in the bottom—there's less D's and F's than there used to be, but not necessarily more A's."

Dr. David Easterla, science instructor, said grade inflation has been going on for 10 or 15 years.

"There's a good chance it's been inflated near a grade," Easterla said. "But I don't think it's any more than that."

Dr. Charles Kovich, English instructor, said he asked the grade inflation question to Dr. John Lannon, who has written several books on education, and Lannon said it was difficult to say since the change has been so gradual.

Instructors vary on the reasons for grade inflation, but most felt it related to more lenient times.

"There's a general lack of discipline in our society as a whole," said Dr. Gerald Brekke, political science instructor. "This type of problem is not just a problem at universities, but throughout the whole society."

Dr. Robert Bohlken, head of the Communications Division, said grading standards have changed.

"There are four things teachers base grades on," Bohlken said. "They are the teacher's standard, how much the student achieves, how he compares with other students and whether or not the student fulfills the objectives set by the instructor for that class. Recently, there has been less emphasis on teacher standard and achievement and more on comparison with other students and fulfilling objectives."

Bohlken said the reason for this switch is more people are going to college.

"At first only the very successful went to college," he said. "Now you have a greater variety of students to compare with."

Dr. Sam Perez, who is in charge of remedial reading at NWMSU, said he has had more students enrolled in remedial reading in past years.

"I think there are more students in need of help with reading because more students go to college," Perez said.

Another reason for grade inflation could be that enrollment is declining and universities are fighting to keep students.

"I think there are different reasons," said Dr. William Trowbridge, English instructor. "The fact that the University is trying to retain more students has something to do with it."

Craig Goad, English instructor, agrees.

"In time of declining enrollment D's and F's can be risky. It's quality education versus warm bodies in the classroom," Goad said.

Goad said another reason for original grade inflation may lie in the 1960s.

"Part of the problem may go back to the '60s when grades meant you would or would not avoid the war," he said. "It's harder for a teacher to fail someone when they may be looking down a gun barrel because of it."

Dean Kruckeberg, journalism instructor, said there is still a great deal of pressure on teachers concerning grades.

"There's tremendous pressure to inflate grades from students," Kruckeberg said. "When a student comes and says 'If I don't get at least a

C here, I'll be out of school or lose a scholarship or won't get into graduate school.' There's pressure in that your grade may have changed the student's whole life this way."

Dr. Patt VanDyke, English instructor, said declining enrollment may have something to do with grade inflation.

"We live in a buyer's market," VanDyke said. "In dollars the value of education has declined. College graduates are not guaranteed a good-paying job anymore. When students come to college, they're less convinced of the value of education, and to keep them there grades have inflated."

One reason may be declining enrollment

McCall said teacher's aides were partly responsible at the University of Illinois, where he attended graduate school.

"At the University of Illinois it was a problem partly because so many T.A.'s taught classes," McCall said. "Many of the T.A.'s gave out blanket A's and B's. For example, one T.A. gave out no C's, D's or F's to a class one semester. But giving everybody A's makes it unfair to the students who deserve them."

McCall also said the problem might have started in the 1960s.

"It's a reflection of faculty members who got their degree in the late '60s and early '70s," he said. "It was a more lenient era for everything."

Easterla said grade inflation related to the times.

"It's good times," he said. "No one's a loser—everyone's a winner. They're trying to make everyone happy."

Another reason for grade inflation is the fear of losing students, said Crowley.

"The faculty may be afraid to grade too hard and get the reputation as a hard teacher so students won't take your classes," Crowley said. "If students don't take your classes, your department loses money. Everyone takes the required classes; but if your classes are hard no one takes them any further."

Kruckeberg said a teacher is in the middle since he is also concerned about his reputation among the professionals who hire college graduates.

"If I give someone an A or a high recommendation and that person is not competitive, I have cheapened my name and the University's," Kruckeberg said. "The next time I lose my credibility by allowing grade inflation to be a factor."

English said there are a couple of reasons for grade inflation.

"There's been extreme pressure placed on institutions by professional schools," English said. "Perhaps there were some changes in attitudes about what grades should be in the late '60s and early '70s."

Dr. Phil Lucido, science instructor, said, "It's possible that people are just deciding not to be as strict as they used to be."

Corley said part of the problem is students' attitudes.

"I think there are too many students who think all they have to do is come to class to get an A," he said.

This attitude may start in high school or even before.

"The students' expectations are different," Crowley said. "You got good grades in high school; therefore you should get good grades in college."

VanDyke said Missouri's requirements for high school are too low.

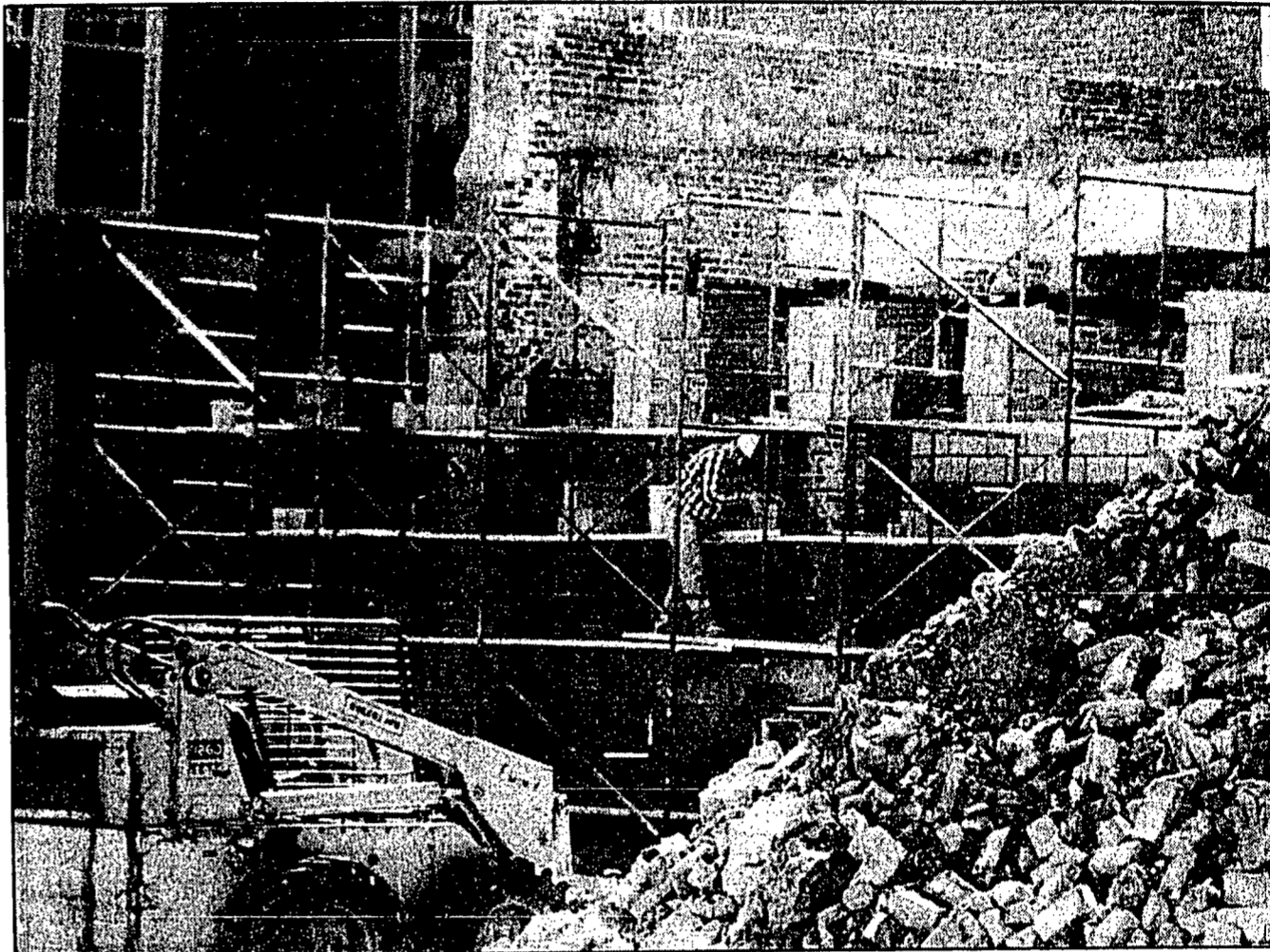
"The state law requires the minimum competencies," she said. "Missouri is ranked very low in school funding. A masters and 10 years experience will only earn a teacher about \$12,000."

Goad said, "High school students are not as well-prepared as they were 10 years ago. With the tendency towards grade inflation in high school, students are resentful of C's and D's after so many A's and B's. And it's fairly difficult for teachers to face up to too much hostility."

Trowbridge agreed high school is part of the problem.

"A lot of high school kids come in having gotten A's for very little work," he said.

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Construction has started on the fire damaged Administration Building. It will take about a year to complete the project. [Missourian Photo/Robin Shepard]

Little boxes

Construction on schedule; pool to be finished next week

By Kelly Hamilton

Construction on campus is going according to schedule, said Dr. Robert Bush, vice president of environmental development.

The aquatic center pool should be completed by next week, said Bush.

New tennis court base floors are all poured and additional layers should be completed by snow fall, Bush said. The final playing floor coat will be laid next spring at the first 50 degree weather.

Replacement of the roof on the west wing of the Administration Building will be starting soon.

"As long as it's not raining or snowing they'll work on the roof," Bush said.

The building will regain from the front the appearance it had before the fire.

Bids will be open for the new performing arts center from Nov. 1 through 15, Bush said. A decision on the bids will be made at the January board meeting. The building is

estimated to be ready in the spring of 1983.

Bids will be going out on the underground steam redistribution lines soon. The first phase will reach the Student Union and later they will go to Fourth Street.

The water tower parking lot behind the Ad Building will be finished by Christmas, Bush said. The lot will hold about 200 cars.

Construction on Roberta is still in planning stages.

"The University is working with an architect to find the best way we can get the most students back into Roberta for the money we have available," Bush said.

A possibility would be to work on one section from floor to ceiling and only open that section, Bush said. All of Roberta would eventually be finished.

Help for the project may come from the Department of Energy. A study will be made of Roberta and tell what has to be replaced on an energy basis. The

audit will tell what the cost of repairs will be, the energy it will save and how long it will take to get the cost benefits. Under Title III, the department would give a grant matching a University figure for repairs if the University would use an energy-saving system in Roberta.

Because the school is already putting in a wood-waste system on campus, the Department may accept it as the energy-saving project, he said.

The audit will go to the federal level and if accepted the grant may be here by March 1, 1981.

The grant would be a big help in off-setting the cost of repairs, Bush said.

"The wood-waste program is an innovative and unique project. I think we have a good chance," he said.

Whether Roberta opens or not next fall depends on these decisions.

"It's our commitment to do everything we can to have a portion of Roberta open," Bush said.

Still in planning stages

Tower Society to raise funds

By Janice Corder

Tower Society, a new organization to raise funds for the University, is currently in the planning stages, said Bob Henry, University public relations director. Henry has been involved with the organization since it was first considered about a year ago.

"The concept of Tower Society is to raise a significant amount of money from volunteer sources," said Henry. "This would include gifts from private individuals, corporations, companies and also grants."

Henry said he hopes the Society will be formalized by the first of the year.

"Nothing is formalized yet," he said. "We've had meetings with maybe up to a dozen people."

Other organizations like Tower Society are already in existence at other schools.

"Many universities have something like this," Henry said. "Private schools have used it a great deal, but I think more and more public institutions will have to start using it. For example the University of Missouri has such an organization."

Henry said the need for such organizations is strong at Northwest.

"There is a gap between the needs of the University and the money it receives," Henry said. "At one point needs and resources were about even, but now inflation and everything has widened the gap. The philosophy of Tower Society is to fill in the gap."

Henry said once Tower Society is established they will be setting specific goals.

"We may well be talking about one to two million dollars over about five years," he said. "But none of this is final yet."

The Tower Society will be composed of alumni and friends of the University.

"We've got some supporters who didn't go to school here and some awfully good alumni," Henry said.

Tower Society first got started out of conversations with some interested alumni about a year ago, said Henry.

Gifts for Tower Society can come to the University in three ways, Henry said. They can go to the Educational Foundation, the University's Endowment Fund or the Northwest Alumni Loyalty Fund. The latter organization is a non-profit group recently established. It has raised funds for the alumni house.

"Anyone who contributes could designate where they want the money to go or contribute to a general fund."

The resources accumulated by Tower Society can be used in a variety of ways. For example, money could be used to support research by faculty and students, enrich faculty salaries, for a particular piece of equipment needed by a certain department, bring in a noted professor to teach for a year or for scholarships, Henry said.

"There will be some goals established as to levels of giving and how givers are recognized," Henry said. "There's the possibility being discussed that if you give Tower Society a certain amount you will be a Tower Society member or associate member. Also, at least once a year there will be

some sort of social function to recognize the members."

Another possibility is that contributors could become members by giving smaller amounts over several years.

The Society is also interested in individuals who could donate only five or ten dollars besides corporations and wealthy individuals.

Henry stressed the fact that Tower Society relies on volunteer members to talk to individuals and corporation leaders about donations.

"There are certain corporations that have attached to them charitable institutions, like the Ford Foundation," Henry said. "We'd write a proposal for them and see if they want to contribute."

When soliciting for donations, the members of Tower Society will stress particular goals, Henry said.

"We would talk about what the company is interested in," he said. "You start with kind of a mission statement for the institution. You say the institution wishes to continue its tradition of excellence and keep improving. Then you would get more specific and talk of particular goals. The plan is to inform potential contributors about past strengths and future goals and hopefully specific goals."

Tower Society is different from the Northwest Educational Foundation, Henry said. The Foundation has been raising money for the University since 1971.

"Their efforts are more related to scholarships," he said. "Their goals have been more limited—year by year operations of the University."



Blowing in the wind?

Parking meters in the Student Union parking lot are bent back. This is one of the few places on campus that still uses parking meters. [Missourian Photo/Nick Carlson]

News Briefs

Debate team fails to place

The varsity debate team competed in the Emporia State University Debate Tournament last weekend and for the first time this year failed to place in tournament competition. The tournament attracted more than 70 colleges and universities from across the country.

In the preliminary round the team of Gregg Turner and Bruce Williamson went 4-4. The team of Kent Stotler and Steve Rush were 3-5 in the preliminary round.

Junior varsity teams will be traveling to Springfield for the Southwest Missouri State University Invitational this weekend.

NPPA to meet Oct. 29

The National Press Photographers Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. Oct. 29 at McCracken Hall. All interested photographers are welcome to come.

Survival weekend to be held

The Department of military science will sponsor an ROTC Survival Experience Weekend Oct. 24, 25 and 26 at Nodaway Lake.

About 40 students will be involved in food preparation, first aid, field sanitation, emergency shelters, land navigation, night navigation and night escape and evasion.

Instruction will be provided by Capt. John Fry and Capt. John Wells, assistant professors of military science, and Sergeants Regino Pizarro and Howard Taylor, instructors in the department.

The students will leave campus at 5:15 p.m. Oct. 24 and return Sunday morning. They will be transported by the 129th Artillery Battalion of the Missouri National Guard and will sleep in tents provided by that group. The weekend is a prelude to a course to be offered next semester called basic survival.

Grade inflation

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Lower expectations for students go back even farther than high school, Brekke said.

"I think grade inflation goes back to high school, grade school and even the family," Brekke said. "Parents don't expect as much. When you get into college it's hard to change those habits."

Although high school students are coming into Northwest less prepared, the University does have set standards for admittance.

A student from Missouri must have an ACT score of 18 or better, and an out-of-state student needs a score of 20 or better. The ACT score goes up to 36.

Jim Goff, director of admissions, said there is a way around the ACT score.

"If the student does not make the score needed to get in, we can use his class ranking," Goff said.

A student from Missouri can get admitted even if his ACT score is below 18 if he is in the upper two-thirds of his class. Out-of-state students who do not make the ACT cut can still be admitted if they are in the upper half of their class.

"We look at whichever's highest," Goff said.

If all else fails, a potential student can petition to the admissions committee, but

Goff said that does not happen very often.

After a student is admitted to the University, it is fairly difficult to be expelled due to grades.

A freshman needs only to keep his grade point above 1.75 to avoid academic probation, and all other students need a 2.0 or above. If a student is put on academic probation, he has one semester to raise his grade point to above 2.0. If he fails to do this, he must sit out for one semester. If after returning to the University, he ends up on academic probation again and fails to

pull his grade point up, he is out for two semesters. And, if after returning to the University a third time his grade point remains below 2.0 for two semesters, he is out for good. The process could take several years.

Instructors agreed that solutions for grade inflation would be difficult.

"Most of the faculty realizes that grade inflation is a problem," McCall said. "I think they are trying not to lower their standards."

Crowley said one solution is more consistent grading.

"All the departments have to start grading on a scale that is roughly similar," he said. "This means a re-evaluation by faculty and students. It's a difficult problem."

Team recommends new accreditation

A site visitation team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools told NWMSU officials that it would recommend that "accreditation of Northwest Missouri State University be extended to the Specialist degree-granting level" by the North Central. The recommendation came Tuesday.

The Education Specialist Degree program provides an additional year of study beyond the master's level for persons preparing for positions in educational administration. Those completing the program are eligible to serve as superintendents in Missouri public schools or as principals in Missouri public schools classified as AAA.

Currently, Northwest is accredited by the North Central for degree-granting

programs through the master's degree level.

The announcement came at an exit interview of the team following a two-day visit to the Maryville campus to evaluate the University's application to the North Central accrediting agency to offer the Educational Specialist Degree.

The team was composed of Dr. Donald McCarty, chairman, professor of educational administration at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Dr. G Robert Ross, chancellor of the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

In addition, the team will recommend to the North Central "that the next comprehensive evaluation (of Northwest) be scheduled in seven years (1987-88)." The last evaluation was in 1977-78, which granted accreditation for

10 years, the maximum allowable.

Both recommendations will come before the North Central Association next April for final approval. Recommendations from site evaluation teams generally carry great weight with the Association.

McCarty and Ross indicated that faculty members who will assume teaching and leadership roles for the specialist degree are qualified both in academic specializations and in appropriate educational expertise.

United Way raises \$6,335

The United Way fund drive for Nodaway County has reached the \$6,335 mark on the way to the \$53,000 goal, said Pam Warner, secretary.

In addition, 43 citizens have been named to the Century Club, those who have donated \$100 or more.

The purpose of the fund raising campaign is to provide citizens with a one-time per year collection to raise money for 14 charitable or service oriented agencies serving the county. This once-a-year collection cuts down on administrative work, and thus allows more of the funds to actually reach

charity or service organization.

The drive, which began on Sept. 19 with a University sponsored kick-off breakfast, is scheduled to end Oct. 23.

"We've had a very good response by contributors," Warner said. "The \$6,335 figure doesn't include many contributions yet to be counted."

The figure represents the donations reported by seven of the eight divisions into which the county has been divided.

Collection from the residential area of Maryville, the only sector of the county in which the drive has not yet begun, is set for Oct. 18, Warner said.

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Grade inflation

'A' means excellence despite new attitudes

All around the nation there is the idea that an A does not mean what it meant 10 or 20 years ago. This may be a sign of the more lenient times in which we live, but the blame belongs on both teachers and students.

An A means excellence. It does not mean coming to class almost every time, turning in most every assignment and getting above average marks on course exams. Many students have come to believe that this is all it takes to get an A in a college course, but this should not be true.

A C used to denote average work, but now too many students see a C as an F. There is nothing wrong with a C, since the majority of people are hopefully average. And a B is not the sign of an average student as many believe. A B denotes above average work and should be considered a decent grade.

Today's students are not completely to blame for this grade inflation. It has been a gradual process--so gradual that it is just in the late 1970s that grade inflation began to get noticed. Students of today are only carrying on the tradition that has already been set for them by past students. Throughout their high school and grade school years, they have probably been given A's and B's for close to average work. Now they have reached college and their expectations are the same.

Some teachers have given in to the students' demands for mostly A's and B's. If they had not been giving these grades over the years, the students would not have grown to expect them.

It is difficult to place the blame for grade inflation on students or instructors. We live in a very liberal society that expects too much for too little. But, perhaps if both students and instructors would pay more attention to what the grades originally mean and how they are still defined on grade cards, an A would once again mean a real achievement instead of simply doing what's expected.

Enough is enough

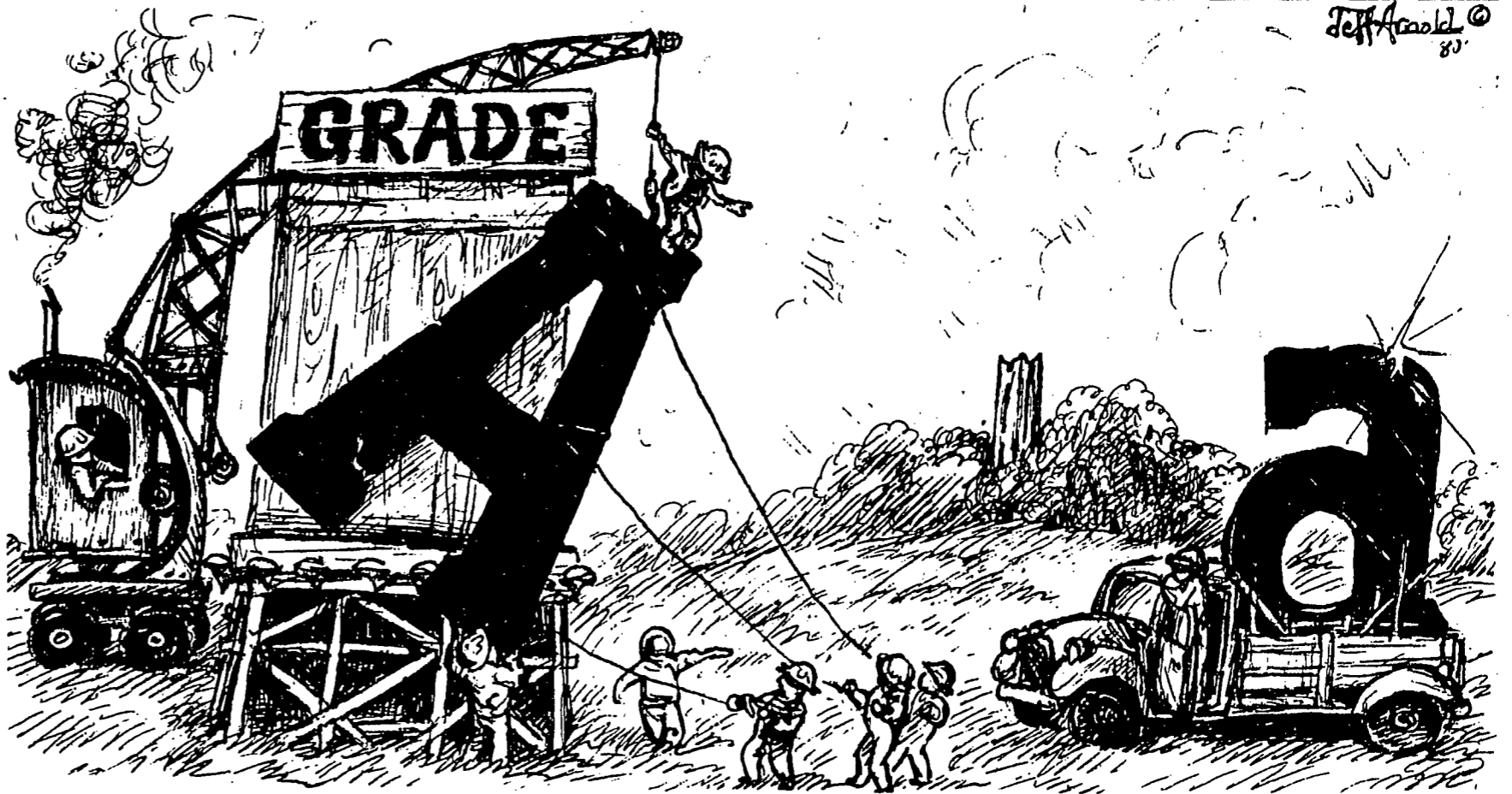
NBC develops fetish about Series wives

The network that has been broadcasting the World Series, NBC, has some strange ideas about what today's baseball fans want to see. NBC has developed a fetish this year with showing the World Series players' wives at every opportunity during the game.

The reason for this is unknown. Perhaps the network is trying to display how many cameras they have. Or perhaps the announcers tire of looking at the game night after night. But whatever the reason, most fans watch the World Series to see the players and what they are doing in the field. If you surveyed some World Series fans, it is doubtful very many of them would say they watch the game to see Mrs. Tug McGraw chew her fingernails or Mrs. Dan Quisenberry smile nervously at the camera.

Although the Fall Classic players have become instant celebrities, this unnatural interest does not extend to what their wives do in the stands while they play baseball. A few shots into the stands and of the players' wives is acceptable, but NBC is carrying it to extremes.

The World Series is for baseball fans who watch to see baseball, not shot upon shot of the wives.

**The Stroller**

Early Monday morning your Stroller stumbled into the bathroom of his floor to take a nice hot wake-up shower before preparing for classes. Your Hero has never been at his best in the morning and this day was no exception. It usually takes your man a good two hours before he becomes fully conscious. The first thing your Stroller saw as he entered the bathroom was Rex Kilgore standing totally naked in front of him.

"Hey, good buddy. How's your morning?" screamed Rex. Rex is one of the most incessantly cheerful people your Stroller has ever known. Your Hero has often wondered what Rex is so cheerful about, since he is fat, rather morose and painfully ugly (especially naked).

"What's the matter, forget how to talk?" screamed Rex even louder than before.

"Goomorfok," mumbled your Stroller as he tried to remove the web that had formed over his mouth the night before.

"What?" said Rex.

"Good morning," your Stroller finally managed to mumble.

"Don't talk much in the morning, do you Stroller?" said Rex as he began to laugh so hard his jiggling body looked like a jello commercial. What are you supposed to say to a fat nude man at seven in the morning, wondered your Hero as he headed for the shower.

Your Stroller has never understood the concept of making students in the dorms take their showers in mass rather than installing private bathrooms. Though it is probably cheaper, your Hero suspects it is really an attempt by the administration to keep the students in a constant state of embarrassment. One of the most difficult things about taking showers in mass is learning where to look while you are taking your shower. If you look at the ceiling, you see all the cracking plaster preparing to fall on your head. If you look at the floor, you get shampoo in your eyes. If you look at the guy next to you for too long, you get punched in the mouth. Your Stroller has a tendency to sleep in the shower, which solves this problem.

When your Hero entered the shower area, he saw that two of the six showers were already in use. Since only three out of the six showers ever work, your man had arrived just in time. Under the far left shower was a little freshman that your Stroller had never bothered to meet. He was singing "How Much is that Doggie in the Window" in a loud Irish tenor. Your Stroller decided he still had no real desire to meet this reject from "The Lawrence Welk Show."

In the far right shower was a senior named Rick Bilecy. Rick was one of those annoying people who actually seemed to enjoy college. Coincidentally, Rick also had the floor record for most

down slips in a college career. Your Stroller often wondered if the two things had any correlation.

"Howdy," said Rick.

"Hi," said your Hero as he adjusted the flow of water and tried to decide between being frozen or scalded.

"How much is that doggie in the window," sang the Irish tenor.

"Them Royals," said Rick. Your Stroller couldn't decide whether Rick was asking a question or making a statement, so he decided to counter with an equally ambiguous statement.

"You're not kidding," said your Hero. Your Stroller hadn't the slightest idea what he was talking about, but Rick was apparently satisfied, because he began nodding his head furiously.

"I sure wish that doggie was mine," sang the Irish tenor.

Your Stroller was getting increasingly perturbed with the racket from the freshman Irish tenor. It wasn't that he minded the song so much, but the singing made it impossible to hear if someone flushed a toilet. Not that your Stroller is addicted to the sound of flushing toilets, but the water pressure is so low in the dorms, whenever someone flushed a toilet, the water in the shower becomes scalding hot. It is an unwritten rule that whenever you hear a toilet flush, you get out of the shower or get cooked alive. Apparently, the Irish tenor was unaware of this quirk

in the University showers. Your Stroller decided to be helpful to the young man.

"Excuse me," said your Hero.

"Could you please stop singing 'How Much is that Doggie in the Window'?"

"Sure," said the Irish tenor. He immediately stopped singing "How Much is that Doggie in the Window" and began to sing "Everything's Coming Up Roses" in a perfect Ethel Merman imitation.

"That's not what I meant," said your Hero.

"You asked me to stop singing 'How Much is that Doggie in the Window' and I did," said the Irish tenor with a wicked grin.

Your Stroller was so annoyed with this upstart freshman that he said nothing and stomped out of the showers and toward the rear of the bathroom.

You'll be swell, you'll be great," came a voice like Ethel Merman from the showers.

A wicked thought came to your Stroller's mind.

"Gonna have the whole world on a plate," continued the voice.

Your Stroller slowly extended a hand and flushed a toilet.

"Honey, everything's coming up AAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH," said the Irish tenor as the hot water hit his back. Some people just have to learn the hard way, thought your Stroller as he walked back to his room.

Letters to the Editor**Poets lack coverage**

Dear Editor:

On Oct. 22, Mr. Craig Goad and Dr. Bill Trowbridge, two members of the department of English and Northwest's resident poets, read and commented on selections of their poetry. These two gentlemen, as many people in the area know, are gifted writers and performers. You chose, however not to help inform the public that a cultural event indigenous to our own University was taking place. Possibly you care not to have your paper thought of as a "bulletin board," but is not "News Briefs" used for informational purposes? Should we have run, an advertisement in "Classifieds"? All we were really asking was a mention, not a feature complete with photographs.

Of course, disregarding a poetry reading was not the only egregious error in the Oct. 17 issue. Another imprudence, it seems to me, was your omission of Northwest's Black Pageant on Oct. 10. Northwest's black students offered a fine evening of entertainment as they displayed their talents and fashions. Not one line or even a small picture of the event could be seen in your paper. What could be found, however, was a dozen rather large pictures depicting Homecoming. Visual arts are important, to be sure, but could you not have cut the size of some of the photographs or used one less illustration of the returning alumna?

Incidentally, please do not claim ignorance of the above two events. Your adviser informed you through written information concerning the poetry reading from me, and both your adviser and one of your photographers attended the Black Pageant.

Virgil Albertini

Minors have rights, too

Dear Editor:

In response to last week's letter "Supreme Court dashes family," I have one thing to ask Mr. Smith: Where is the cave you've been living in?

You said in your letter that the Supreme Court has "dashed the family unit upon the jagged rocks" by allowing minors to receive contraceptives without parental consent. Now, I'm no cheerleader for the Supreme Court, but they made the right decision on this one.

What the Supreme Court has done, Mr. Smith, is recognize that minors have rights as human beings and has given them the right to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancy.

Most parents would not--could not--give their minor child their permission to obtain contraceptives because they feel this would condone the child's actions, and this would conflict with their own morals, so the child, once sexually active, remains sexually active and an unwanted pregnancy is likely to occur.

I do not personally condone sexual promiscuity by young people, but that is not the issue. The issue is to protect or not to protect against pregnancy. In a young girl, a pregnancy would be devastating to herself, her education, her family and the father. Often it results in a forced marriage of two young people unready for marital commitment, much less a baby. Would it not have been better to prevent the pregnancy in the first place?

And by the way, Mr. Smith, where did you get your information that all of a sudden "parents want to teach their children and raise them"? Parents are still as uncertain and closed-mouthed about sex today as they were 10 years ago. Why else would there be so many teenage pregnancies?

So, Mr. Smith, take your prehistoric ideals and go back to your cave where you belong.

Carole Gieseke

AOPi name corrected

Dear Editor:

As an alumni of NWMSU and AOPi sorority, I felt compelled to write after reading your Oct. 10 article concerning the number of pledges taken by the AOPi's.

I hope that by now someone has informed you that AOPi stands for

Alpha Omicron Pi rather than Alpha Omega Pi as was stated in the article. During the two years I spent as a member of AOPi at NWMSU I learned what it was like to belong to the "unknown" sorority. We had just as much to offer new members as did the other sororities, but because we hadn't been around as long as the other groups we had to try twice as hard in recruiting new members. Numbers seemed to impress rushees and we were small during those years. To add to our problem, people were quite unfamiliar with our name and it was misspelled, switched around, and often confused with a men's service fraternity on campus whose name was quite similar to ours. Consequently, our numbers did not increase as much as we had hoped because without numbers we lacked new members and without new members we lacked numbers. It was a vicious circle that many times dampened our spirit.

It is my hope that other Greeks on campus, as well as independents, will give the newest sorority and fraternity a chance to establish themselves on campus as a viable part of campus life. They will be working overtime trying to gain new members and be involved in campus activities and may at times need the support of other Greek organizations.

It would also be a great help if the campus newspaper can refer to the organization by the correct name rather than add to the confusion by listing it incorrectly.

Let it be known that Alpha Omicron Pi is alive and well not only on hundreds of campuses across the United States, but also at NWMSU and are working hard to be an asset to campus life in Maryville.

Thank you,

Mary McConkey

Northwest Missourian

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Northwest Missourian Entertainment

Out and About

Music, war, comedy featured

by Tammy Calfee

The 528th Air Force Band of Mid-America will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Charles Johnson Theatre.

The appearance of the band is sponsored by First Midwest Banks, Inc.

The band of 45 musicians will play top 40, solid rock, country and jazz music.

Although it has travelled all over the United States and overseas the band performs mostly in the Midwest and during a given year travels in a 12-state area, plays over 650 engagements before more than 350,000 people.

Off campus this week the Nodaway Arts Council will be presenting its third movie, *Women in Love* at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 in the basement of the Maryville Public Library.

The film, based on the D.H. Lawrence novel, is being shown free to the public.



Gene Kelly and Olivia Newton-John in the musical *Xanadu*.

The theatres in Maryville are offering a musical, comedy and a war picture this week with *Xanadu*, *Airplane* and *The Big Red One*.

The Missouri Twin Cinema will feature *Xanadu* starting at 7:45 p.m. Oct. 24.

Xanadu is an original musical fantasy starring Olivia Newton-John and Gene Kelly.

Kira, (Newton-John) one of Zeus' nine daughters and her eight sisters come down to earth to help the mortals of the world create their wildest dreams. (See review.)

The movie is rated PG and admission is \$2.50.

Airplane will also be running for its second week at the Missouri Twin Cinema.

The movie will start at 8:15 p.m. Oct. 24 through 26 and at 8 p.m. Oct. 27 through 30.

The Tivoli will offer the war film, *The Big Red One* starting at 8 p.m. Oct. 24.

The movie is based on the novel of the same name by Samuel Fuller who also directed and produced the film.

The Big Red One deals with a combat veteran, the Sergeant played by Lee Marvin and the young members of his rifle squad, played by Mark Hamill, Robert Carradine, Bobby Di Cisso and Kelly Ward.

The movie is World War II as Fuller saw it and proves to be a kind of "combat diary."

The film is rated PG and admission is also \$2.50.

The "Forney Brothers" will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Oct. 24 through 26 at the Golden Spike Disco.

The Forneys play mostly country and western music.



Lee Marvin and his rifle squad await the battle.

Hart to present music recital

Mary Ann Hart, an award winning singer will present a recital at 8 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Charles Johnson Theatre.

Hart will also be conducting a master class from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the same day.

The chance has been designed to give Hart a platform to listen to some of the music students and to allow her to offer her advice on improving their singing.

"I believe Ms. Hart will be good for our singers," said Byron Mitchell,

professor of music. "She is close to their age and can really relate to and help them with their singing."

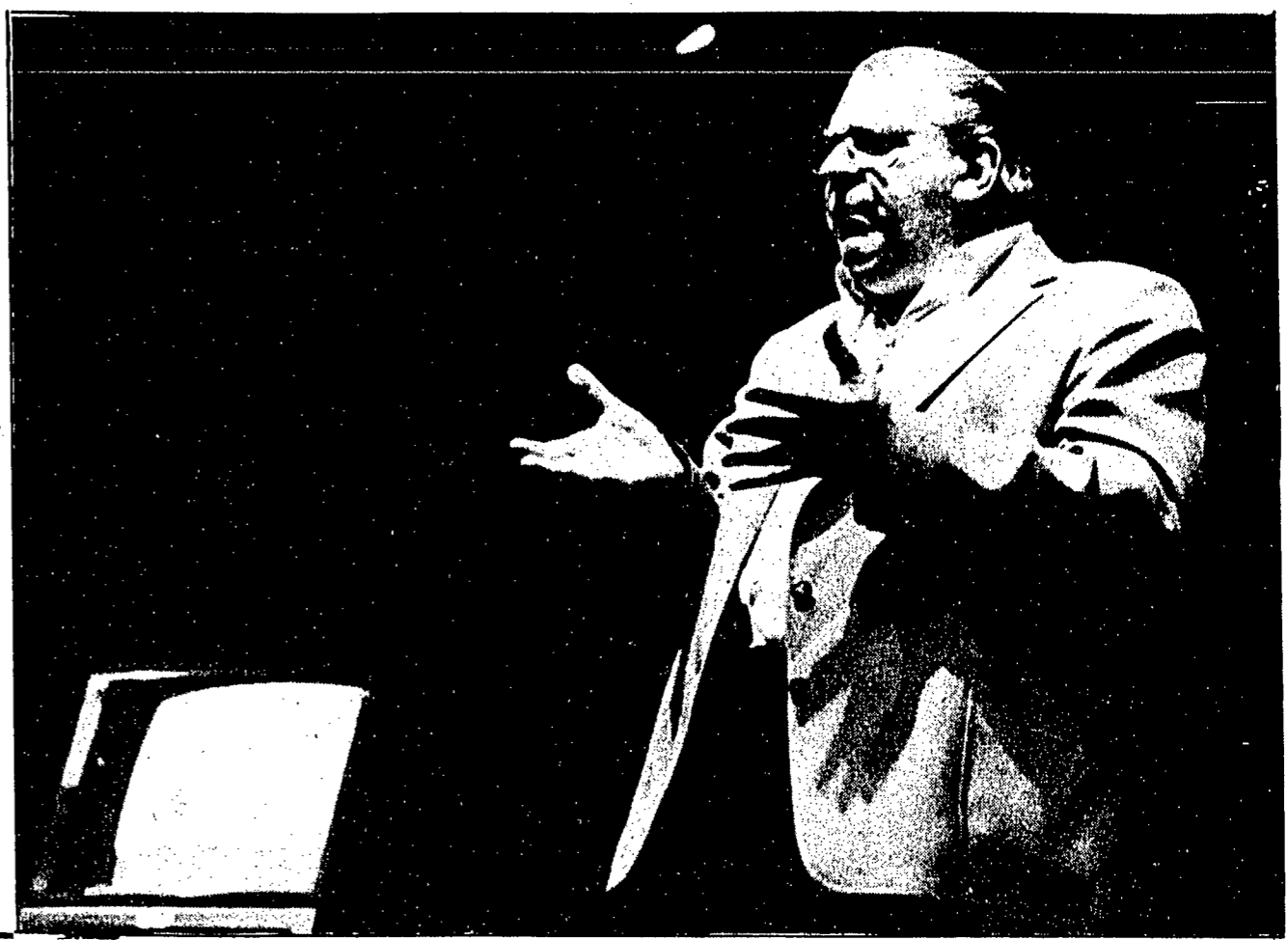
Hart, a native of Warrensburg, Mo. began her vocal studies at Central Missouri State University. He received her masters in music from the University of Illinois in Urbana.

Hart has appeared as a soloist with various choral ensembles as well as making concert appearances in Germany, France, East Germany and Rumania.

Hart has made recordings for both radio and on two record labels.

At the National Association of Teachers of Singing's Artist Award Competition in Denver last July, Hart was awarded second place.

She was selected in 1979 as one of the semi-finalists in the Kennedy Center-Rockefeller Foundation Competition for Excellence in the Performance of Contemporary American Music.



Shakespeare anyone?

Cedric Messina gave his lecture "Producing the Shakespeare Plays." Messina, a producer in charge of the BBC's Shakespeare Series seen on PBS, ended his two day residency on campus with his lecture on Tuesday night in the Charles Johnson Theatre.

Muscular Dystrophy Dance-a-thon Nov. 20

by Patty Swardson

On Nov. 20-21, Millikan Hall will be sponsoring its annual Dance-a-thon in the University's Lamkin Gymnasium to help raise money for the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

The dance-a-thon will last 26 hours starting at 6 p.m. Thursday evening and ending at 8 p.m. Friday night.

Organizations are urged to participate by sponsoring dancers and raising pledges.

Last year, approximately \$6,000 was raised as 35 of the 43 couples participating endured the 26-hour stretch, according to dance-a-thon coordinator Laura Rutherford.

"So far, 125 dancer packets have been distributed, and more have been ordered. Considering the dancers are pretty committed when they take these packets, this year's response is going good," said Rutherford.

Muscular Dystrophy is a disease which strikes the muscle tissues, leaving the victim physically immobilized. Although no known cure has been

found, many breakthroughs concerning the nature of the disease have been revealed by money donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Research Foundation.

The second dancer's meeting will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Horace Mann Auditorium.

Further information and details can be obtained by contacting recruitment officers Donna Barbee and Lori Christy or coordinator officers Barb Peterson, Rutherford and Deb Burham

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Cast chosen for 'Black Comedy'

By Tammy Calfee

The cast for the theatre department's production of "The Black Comedy" has been selected:

"The Black Comedy" will be presented at 8 p.m. Nov. 20 through 22 in the Charles Johnson Theatre.

The play centers around the young sculptor, Brindsley Miller, played by Brent Curtis. Miller is the struggling young artist trying to sell his works of art to a millionaire art collector named Georg Bamberger played by Marc Rifkind.

Other characters in "The Black Comedy" include Miller's fiancée, Carol Melkett played by Kelley Dickey and Carol's military-like father Col. Melkett played by Johnny Jackson.

Left to add more excitement and humor to "Black Comedy" are Clea, Brindsley's ex-girlfriend who creates chaos wherever she goes. Clea is played by Carrie Kern.

Miss Farnival, a spinster who gets quite liberated after a few drinks is played by Maria Benitez and Harold Gorringer. Brindsley's neighbor is played by Steve Booton.

Schuppanzigh, the Montgomery electrician, is played by Bob Montgomery.

An asset to "The Black Comedy" which may be confusing to the audience is the setting of the play. The play opens and closes in the dark. But the confusion as it really is that when the stage is dark, within the play it is really

light, and at the time of the line, "Oh damn, we've blown a fuse," the lights on stage come up. But to the setting of the play and its characters this means they are in darkness.

"I believe this play is really good for the actors," said Ken Brown, director of the production. "They have to remember and act as if they are really in total darkness, such as when they go to sit down in a chair and the bumping into other characters on the stage."

The rehearsals have begun for the cast of "The Black Comedy."

"Right now we are just trying to learn to judge distance and not over-act the

concept of the darkness," Brown said. "The play is not a comedy because of the darkness but is based on the way in which it is handled by the actors."

Also, this production will be the theatre department's entry in the American College Theatre Festival.

For this award the NWMSU theatre department competes with 48 other schools in the same division.

Through the American College Theatre Festival the members of the cast and crew of "Black Comedy" are also eligible for various independent awards as well as the overall excellence of the play.

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'Maryville's resident poets'

Trowbridge, Goad present poetry reading at Charles Johnson

Dr. William Trowbridge and Mr. Craign Goad, professors of English here at NWMSU and Maryville's resident poets, presented a reading of their poetry Oct. 22 in the Charles Johnson Theatre.

Trowbridge read a random selection of his poems.

"I read a sort of mixed bag of my poetry," Trowbridge said. "A couple of them were just flat, light verse while others were serious and some were both comic and serious."

Goad's selection varied a lot from Trowbridge's.

Goad featured poems generating from his own life experiences.

"The thing I've been trying to do lately," he said, "sounds probably pretentious, but I have been trying to write poetry that is true."

Goad bases his poetry on things that have really happened to him.

Goad states that he is trying to capture his life and make it permanent with his poems.

"I feel through these poems on the premise that any life, no matter how unexciting, may be worth something if its captured and made permanent."

Goad read a series of poems based on a group of photographs taken of him and the other members of his family when he was around three months old.

And then Goad traced his development at the age of six and fifteen through these poems.

Also Goad read a group of poems dealing with the place where he grew up and experiences that have happened to him recently in life.

"It's usually hard to estimate audience turnout for poetry seminars," said Trowbridge. "The audience for poetry is small."

"Hardly anybody in college does take it seriously. It's a very restrictive audience as far as poetry is concerned," said Goad.

Album Review

'Tommy Tutone' album lacks musical creativity

By Jim Kirkpatrick

Currently one of the better of the new wave acts is "Tommy Tutone." Their debut album is a mixture of pop and new wave which gives a very interesting effect. Other bands in this category include: 20/20, The Knack, and The Records.

The album opens with "Angels Say No," a melodic rocker somewhat reminiscent of Tom Petty or Bruce Springsteen. This is not one of the album's better cuts.

"Cheap Date" is a haunting offbeat number about sexual needs. Some good special effects thanks to the Beatles are thrown in on this one.

"Girl In The Back Seat" isn't really that bad a song but the sound mix on this one is terrible. This song is about a girl slowly giving in to her lover's demands.

"The Blame" is another Tommy Tutone rocker about male/female relationships. They begin to sound a little monotonous on this one.

"Fat Chance" has some synthesizer thrown in here and there but without that effect to update, it the song sounds like an old 50's song.

This band has to get more creative. "Rachel" helps redeem Tommy

Tutone on this song about the number one girl around.

The best song for AM radio from this package is "Dancing Girl" a song about a female John Travolta.

"Hide Out" and "What Cha Doin To Me" do nothing but add confusion to this package.

Tommy Tutone isn't bad for a debut album but definitely they have a long way to go. They had a few good songs on this debut package but next time they are going to have to have better material if they are going to have a winner.

Movie Review

Musical, version of old

By Mark Zeltner

If television is popcorn for the mind then *Xanadu* is cotton candy for the soul. Like cotton candy, this movie is pretty, sweet and mostly hot air.

Xanadu starts Olivia Newton-John as a mysterious woman that haunts the life of a young painter (Michael Beck) and the memories of an old bandleader (Gene Kelly). The three team up to create an incredible nightclub called *Xanadu*. In keeping with all good movie musicals, Beck and Newton-John's characters fall in love during the process.

Xanadu seems to be an attempt to create an updated version of the old fantasy musicals popular in the forties. The production values are glossy, the people beautiful and the plot ridiculous. The idea of a happy, fantastic musical is

not such a bad one if the film makers hadn't insisted on updating their ideas. Instead of huge, well-choreographed dance numbers, we get endless scenes of Newton-John skating up a storm.

The music written by Jeff Lynne and John Farrar is slick and tuneful but not particularly well suited for use in a movie musical. They are obviously more concerned with writing songs for the car radio rather than for the framework of the film. The song that works best in the plot of the film, a big band type duet between Newton-John and Kelly, probably has the least chance of commercial success.

Olivia Newton-John, hot off her success in *Grease*, manages a credible follow-up performance. She has a pleasant, if unspectacular, voice and holds her own in a dance number with Gene Kelly. Olivia isn't much of an

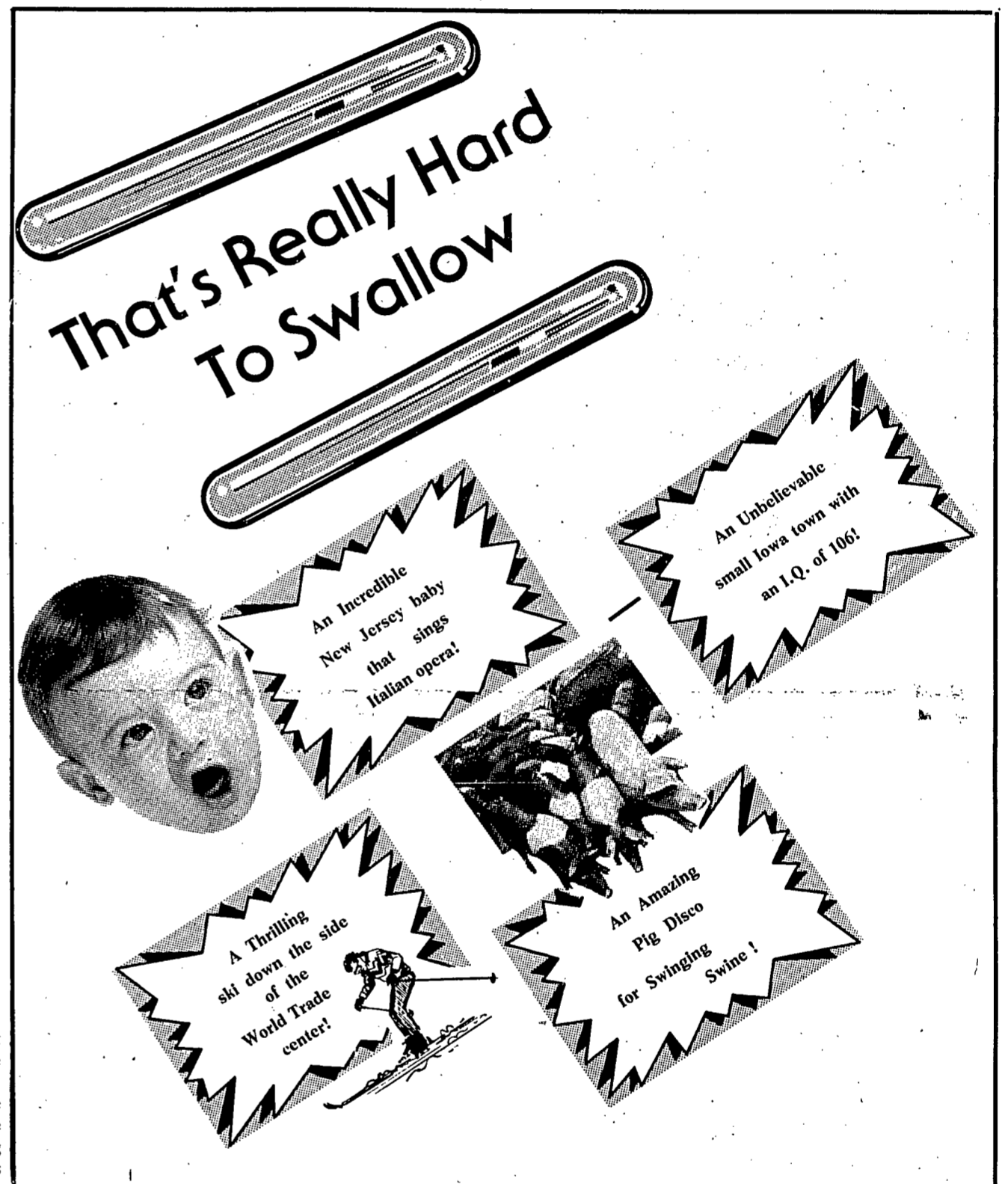
actress but she is so charming and beautiful that it doesn't seem to make much difference. Michael Beck, changing pace from his last film *The Warriors*, makes an amiable straight man for Kelly and Newton-John.

Gene Kelly still proves to have some of the old magic left as he provides the real spark for this movie. Though not given much to work with, it is still a pleasure to see Kelly sing and dance in a movie musical again.

While there are numerous things wrong with *Xanadu*, it is entertaining in spite of itself. The movie is so totally bright, bouncy and beautiful that it gives the viewer an uplifted feeling despite its many flaws.

Like the movie musicals of old, *Xanadu* is not intended as a great cinematic masterwork. The jokes are bad, the people unbelievable, and the situations totally unrealistic but this is probably the charm of a musical. Though we all know that people don't start singing while walking down the street, wouldn't it be nice if they could. *Xanadu* and musicals in general, are intended as an escape from the pressures of everyday existence. Using this limited scale of success, *Xanadu* is a winner.

by Brian Lavery



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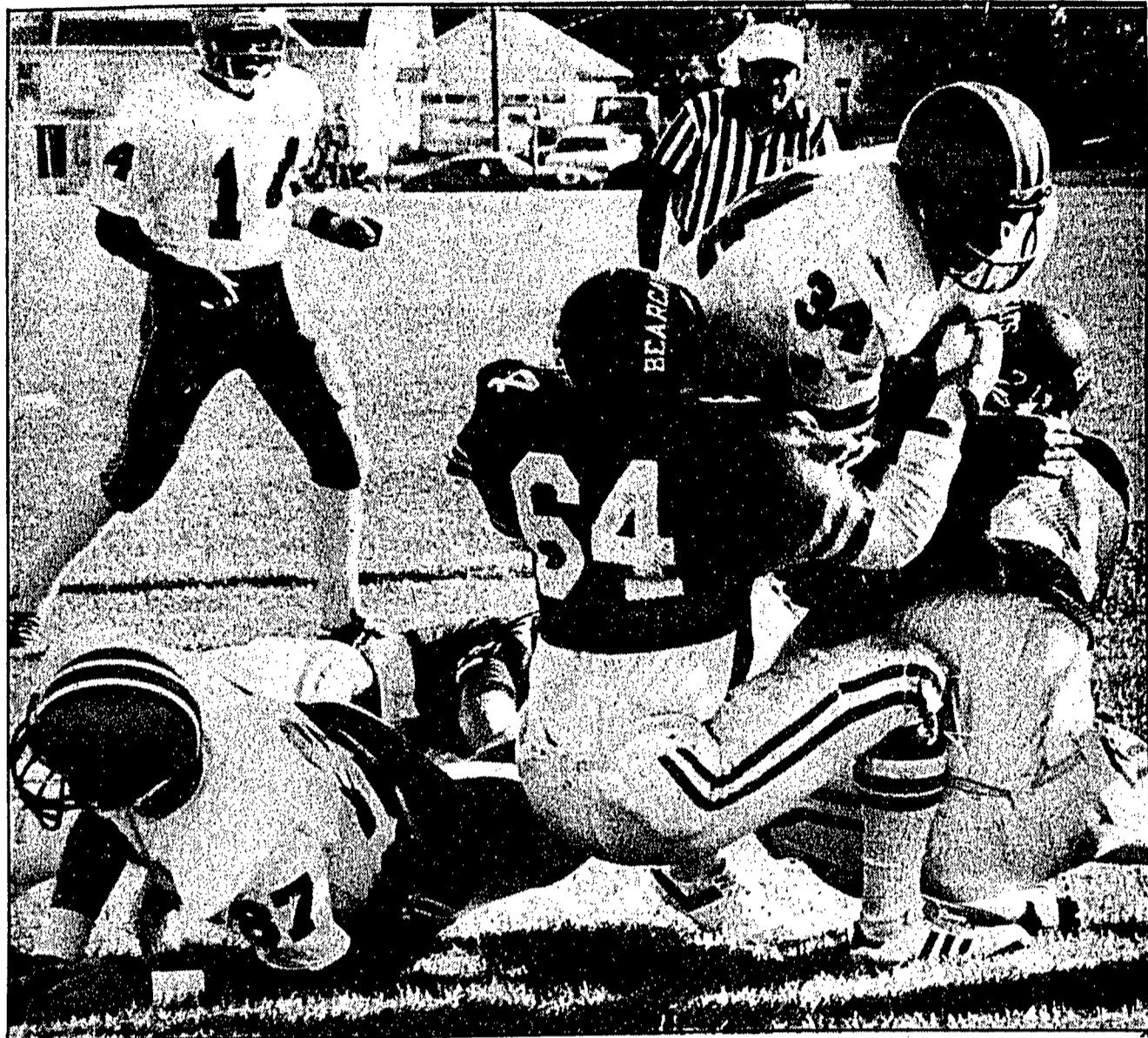
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Sports

'Cats display winning attitude-defeat Lincoln



Wrapped up!

Danny Green [64] and Dave Toti [21] attempt to stop a Rolla back in the Homecoming game. Last week the 'Cats bounced back to defeat Lincoln 42-17. This week the 'Cats will try to keep their winning streak alive as they travel to Northeast. [Missourian Photo/Dave Gieseke]

By Dave Humphries

Displaying the form which helped capture the MIAA championship in 1979, the Northwest Missouri State football team crushed Lincoln University 42-17 Saturday night in Jefferson City.

"They (offensive line) did a tremendous job," said head coach Jim Redd. "The offensive line of Mike Olerich, Bob Chauza, Kurt Suchomel and Don Rausch all played well."

It was the play of the offensive line that enabled the offense to pound out 396 yards on the ground. Running the ball off-tackle throughout the game, the Bearcat running backs contributed the extra punch to the offensive effort.

Greg Baker raced 55 yards for NWMSU's first score of the game at 12:39 left in the first quarter. The extra point attempt was made by Jeff Conway and the Bearcats were on top 7-0. A Mike Coones pass was picked off by Lincoln's Chris Jones and the Blue Tiger defensive back sprinted 54 yards for a LU score. With 9:37 left in the first half, the score was tied 7-7.

The Bearcat offense began moving the ball again and a Coones to Brad Sellmeyer 21-yard strike once more put the visitors ahead at the 4:32 mark. The PAT was good and NWMSU led 14-7. The Blue Tigers managed a 22-yard field goal with just six seconds to play in the first half and as the half ended, they trailed the Bearcats 14-10.

In the third quarter, Northwest scored two unanswered touchdowns. Running back Dale DeBourge rambled four yards for one touchdown at 5:36 of the third quarter while Kevin Kelly plunged four yards for the other third period score. The PAT was blocked

after the DeBourge score but Coones threw a two-point conversion to Sted Weigman and the Bearcats increased their lead to 28-10.

As the fourth quarter began, the Northwest defense shut off two Lincoln threats, both times inside Bearcat territory.

"The defense played well," said Redd. "We had better pressure this week and our secondary played a good game."

Redd cited Dave Toti and Randy Sandage for their play.

Bearcat running back Baker scored his second touchdown of the day in the fourth period when the sophomore went seven yards for the score. Conway's PAT increased the Northwest lead to 35-10 with 4:03 to play in the game.

Northwest scored one final time. Weigman darted 31 yards to pay-dirt with two minutes left to be played. The PAT capped the final scoring for the 'Cats and pushed their lead to 42-10. Lincoln scored with 20 seconds left in the game on a 47-yard pass and narrowed the Northwest lead to 42-17.

"It was a good team effort," said Redd. "Not only by the people who traveled, but by those who didn't. Kevin Corless did a fine job on the specialty teams and Bryan Custer did a tremendous job scouting for us."

Good practices during the week and a lot of spirit also contributed to the team's fine outing against LU.

"It was a big win for us, not only winning the game but the way we won," he said. "We play our most traditional rival this weekend (Northeast) for the Old Hickory Stick and the key to the game will be how much pressure we put on the quarterback."

Northeast has the conference's leading passer in Greg Towbin who throws the ball 50 percent of the time.

Although Northeast is 2-4 their record is deceiving.

"They have played strong competition and we'll need to be aggressive on defense," Redd said.

Of the 45 players to make the trip, 44 saw action with slightly injured center Bruce Wuebben sitting the game out. Two injuries were reported after the game. Defensive tackle Bob Paul pinched a nerve in his neck. It's not believed to be serious. Offensive guard Suchomel suffered a knee injury. Suchomel is in Kansas City seeking treatment at this time. Baker has another 100-yard day, picking up 127 yards in 18 carries, pushing his season total to 381 yards, tops on the team.

Charlie White moved from noseguard to tackle on defense and Russ Hoover and Gary Cotton made their first starts of the season. Redd said all played well. Three quarterbacks saw action for the 'Cats. Coones, playing the first half, was two-for-five for 37 yards and one touchdown. Todd Murphy was two of 13 for 11 yards in the second half. Tightend Gary Hogue caught two passes to increase his club-leading reception total to 10 on the year. Hogue picked up 27 yards on receptions to push his season yardage total to 185. Conway recovered a fumble and Toti picked off a LU pass coming up with two turnovers for the 'Cats.

This weekend's game at Northeast is Homecoming for the Bulldogs, game time is scheduled for 2 p.m. Northwest returns home to conclude its 1980 season with home games on Nov. 1 and 8.

Nagel trades racket for desk

By Stu Osterthun

It isn't often that a former professional athlete ends up teaching English at a university but Dr. Ray Nagel, assistant professor of English at NWMSU, is doing just that.

Nagel was a professional tennis pro from 1974-1979. He is a member of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA).

Nagel grew up at Edgewood, Iowa. He took his undergraduate studies at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. From there he completed his master's work at Southern Illinois-Carbondale. Nagel received his doctorate degree from the University of New Mexico.

Nagel said it was a little tough to be accepted into the USPTA.

"I had to apply to the national organization and go through rigorous tests before being accepted," said Nagel.

Nagel worked as a pro in Chicago and Iowa.

"To become a full-time registered pro, you have to go through apprenticeship," he said.

He served his apprenticeship in Wisconsin and in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After his doctorate work, Nagel worked as an assistant at Cedar Rapids. Before coming to Northwest, he

finished his apprenticeship at Corvallis, Ore.

Nagel explains his early tennis experiences.

"I started playing tennis as an undergrad at Coe College. I was 18 years old and a freshman. My parents had a couple of old, worn out rackets but no tennis balls," said Nagel.

Nagel said not too many people knew about the game of tennis where he grew up.

"In Edgewood, people had never heard of the sport, yet alone played it," he said. "I became a fanatic about it. It satisfied my need for an athletic sport."

Nagel said his brother has learned to play tennis "through me." His brother is the only relative who plays tennis.

Nagel also coached tennis for years. He served as tennis coach at Wisconsin State University, Indian River Junior College in Fort Pierce, Fla., at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque and at Linn-Benton Community College in Oregon.

Nagel said it takes many years of practice and experience to become a "good tennis player."

"To become a good tennis player, it takes about five years," he said. "Tournament skills require seven to 10

years. Most youngsters who turn pro start at three or four, like (John) McEnroe."

Nagel participated in some tournaments during his brief stint in the pro ranks.

"I played in two or three small money tournaments," he said. "I've won many trophies but they've come from regional and district tournament play. No world-class players were in any of my tournaments."

Nagel said his major accomplishment as a pro was to "help others enjoy the game."

Nagel compared his tennis teaching skills to teaching an English class.

"The most satisfying part of teaching tennis is that motivation is built in. It's not nearly as hard as writing, where you have to think."

"I also like the satisfaction of seeing students begin to enjoy the game more fully," Nagel said. "It's the same satisfaction an English teacher gets when seeing a student grow mentally through writing."

In recent months, Nagel has not played tennis at an alarming rate. He said his new occupation has taken up a lot of time.

"Now that I've resumed academic

work, I pretty much don't have time to play. I've probably played only two or three times in the last three months," he said.

Nagel compared tennis today to tennis during his playing days.

"Number one, there is a much larger number of players, and two, because of much more available and skilled training, the level of tennis has gained considerably," he said.

The new tennis courts are being built rapidly and Nagel said he is glad to see them being installed.

"I welcome the new tennis courts. I think he (Coach Byrd) selected a concrete surface because of the nature of the soil," said Nagel. "Concrete is notoriously hard and fast unless a top layer is added to slow it up a bit."

Nagel expressed his feelings when asked what he would do if in a match with Jimmy Connors or Bjorn Borg, famous pro tennis players.

"I'd be blown off the court so quickly that a player of my limited skills wouldn't stand a chance," he said. "The women who are professionals would also beat me pretty handily."

Nagel said he probably will not coach tennis again but said he still likes to go out and play "whenever I can."



Ray Nagel, former tennis pro, gets out to teach and coach his son Preston, age 3, the basic points of tennis. [Missourian Photo/Nick Carlson]

Soccer Club loses to Northeast

By Stu Osterthun

NWMSU's Soccer Club lost their fifth match this season as Northeast Missouri State handed the 'Cats a 14-1 setback Oct. 19.

Gus Wegner, head coach, said the Bulldogs from Northeast have a very good team and played exceptionally well against Northwest.

"They are by far the best team we've played this season," Wegner said. "They have a lot of speed. Their coach told me that the University of Missouri-St. Louis made them look slow."

Wegner said the Bearcats did a good job early in the Northeast contest.

"We played hard throughout," he said. "We played them well the first five minutes and then they scored five goals in 12 minutes."

Newcomer Glen Hudder scored the only goal for Northwest. Wegner said Hudder has good speed and knows the game very well.

"Glen is from St. Louis so he is subjected to a lot of soccer. He's a good player," Wegner said.

Northeast Missouri State recognizes soccer as a varsity sport. They have a lot of experience and they also recruit, said Wegner.

Wegner said despite the 14-1 loss to Northeast, some good things happened in the contest.

"We got more shots on goal. I think had two breakaways on goal. Our nine or 10," said Wegner. "We also cont. on page 8"

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World Series comes to NWMSU

By Marc Rifkind

The World Series is over for the Royals and the Phillies but for the fall baseball players at Northwest Missouri State, it is just beginning.

Two teams appear as co-favorites to take the Bearcat version of the fall classic: Emard's Eels and Magwire's Magpies. These teams are in first and second place going into playoff week. Emard's Eels have a record of 5-1, while the Magpies aren't far behind at 4-2-1.

In order to play the world series next week, coach Jim Wasem has moved the fall schedule ahead one week because he feels he will run out of good weather. The team is playing double-headers all this past week. Also aiding him in speeding up the tournament was a one ball, one strike count as the batter stepped into the batter's box.

On Oct. 27 the playoffs start, with the first and second place teams drawing byes. The first games to be played will

be the third-place team vs the last place team, and the fourth place vs fifth place. The tournament is single elimination as is the championship game. After the world series is over, Wasem will choose two teams to make up the all-stars of fall ball.

Individual leaders are: Average-Mark Newman .533, Home runs-Nesby Cain 6, RBI's-Cain and Ken Misdeldt 9 and stolen bases-Newman and Jim Wasem Jr. 8.

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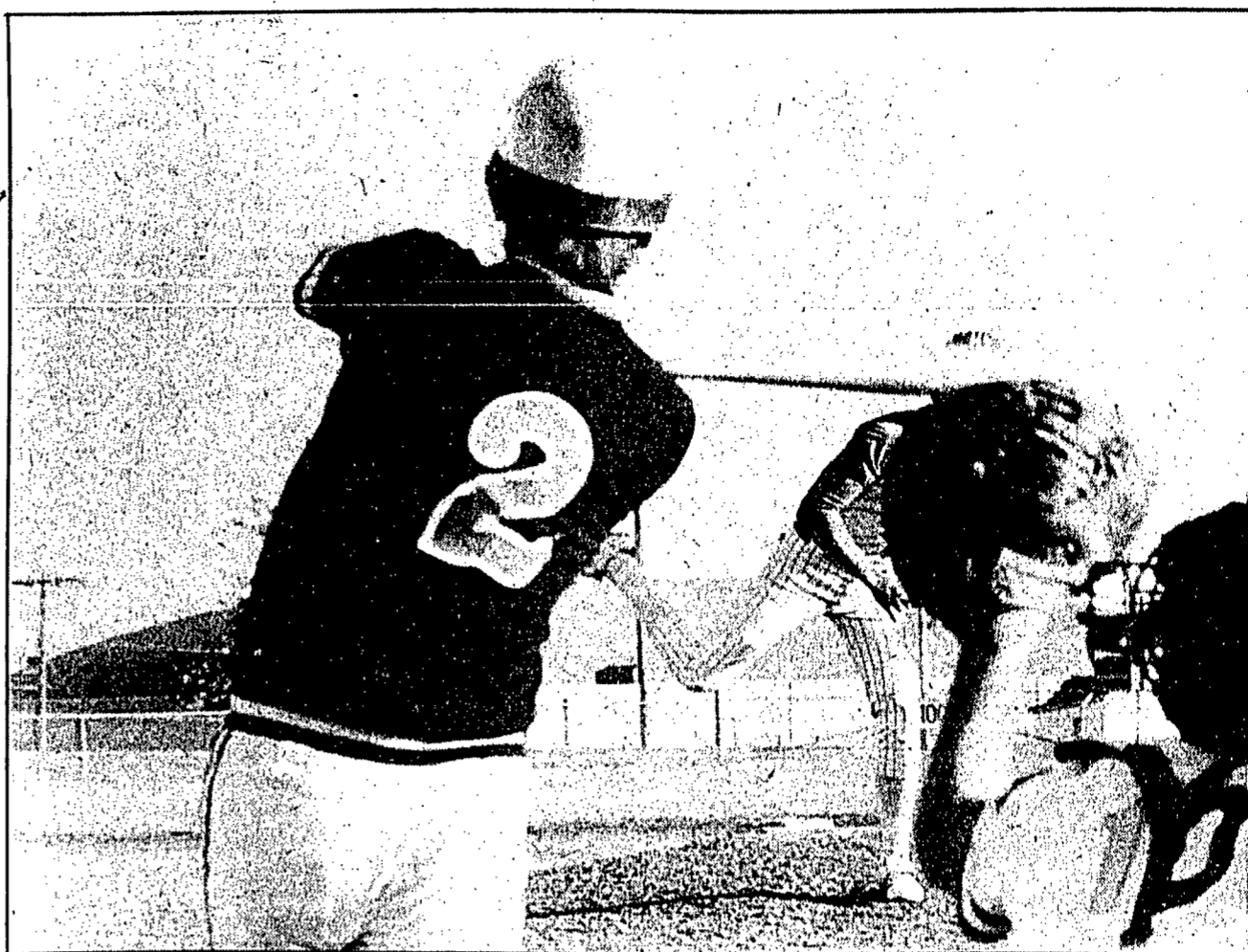
By Jay Carlson

Doug Peterson will release the tournament pairings for the women's softball tournament Oct. 24. The tournament will be single elimination which will run all of next week. Also, the all-school football tournament will start Oct. 27 in the Bearcat games room. Entry deadline for billiards and volleyball (women's) will be Nov. 3 and competition will begin Nov. 5. Peterson said the football playoffs will begin Oct. 29. First round action will begin Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

In last week's competition: Delta Chi Nationals 26, AKL#1 0; TKE Beware 12, Delta Sig Swigs 8; Phi Sig Chodes 6, AKL#1 0; TKE Force 27, Delta Chi American 0; Sig Tau 6, Phi Sig Zombies 0; Sig Tau Peltics 13, Phi Sig Nads 0; SNAFU won by forfeit over Second Cooper; Wildbunch won by forfeit over the Aggies; Zonkers 18, ROTC 13; Sigma Phi Buffalo Hunters 20, the Warriors 0; LAGNAF 35, Third Phillips 0; The Bruins 30, the Merical Men 0; the Raiders won by forfeit over Fourth Phillips; Fifth Phillips 7, the Buckhorn Boys 0.

Other games last week: Delta Sig Swigs 7, AKL#2 0; Phi Sig Nads 9, the Delta Chi Americans 0; TKE Force 12, Phi Sig Chodes 0; Delta Chi Nationals 7, Sig Tau Folics 0; SNAFU 7, Fifth Phillips 0; Fubar 33, The Warriors 0; The Raiders 6, the GDI's 0; Wildbunch 12, the Dukes 0; The Zonkers 28, the Mungers 0; LAGNAF 12, Sig Phi Buffalo Hunters 0; ROTC 13, Third Phillips 0.

Peterson thought that there were some especially good games in the playoffs. He also thought that there will be a strong fight for the school title.



Good weather has helped Jim Wasem's fall baseball program. The World Series begins next week followed by an all-star game the week after. [Missourian Photo/Steve Dasi]



Flag football has been a popular activity on the NWMSU campus. The first round of the playoffs begins next week. [Missourian Photo/Steve Dasi]

Cross country team wins big

By Jim Offner

With all eight of their finishers recording their best-ever individual times for a 10,000 meter course, the Northwest Missouri State mens' cross country team raced to a 20-41 dual meet win over Nebraska-Omaha in Omaha Oct. 17. The Bearcats scored their 20 points finishing 1-2-4-6-7 against a young UNO team.

Brian Murley set the pace for the 'Cats, running the course in 31.01. Steve Klatte captured second place at 31.18, followed by Mike Emanuele (4th, 31.28), Jim Ryan (6th, 31.40), Greg Frost (7th, 31.43), Mike Still (8th, 31.47), Tim Kinder (31.50) and Steve Swanson (10th, 32.02).

Bearcat coach Richard Alsup was pleased with the team's performance in Omaha and with the overall progress his team has made.

"The whole team feels we're progressing about right," said Alsup. "We have started to refine some of our speed work and distance running."

Alsup was happy the 'Cats could walk into UNO's course and run away from their rivals so decisively.

"It's the longest (course) we've ever run. I'm positive everyone ran their fastest cross-country 10,000 today," he said after the race.

Alsup said he approached this

season's weaker-than-usual UNO team differently than in the past.

"I knew they weren't as strong as they were in the past, so our main objective was to run for times," he said.

Alsup said he has seen his team steadily improve since the outset of the season. Although injuries hampered the Bearcats at the Missouri Intercollegiate Invitational in Columbia Oct. 3, he said that their improvement could conceivably carry the team through the regional meet in Cape Girardeau Nov. 1.

"When we ran at the MU meet we weren't getting our best times and some of the other conference teams were. But we feel we can really compete with them now," he said. "We weren't at full strength (at Columbia) but we were good enough to compete."

The 'Cat's finished sixth in a field of 17 teams there. In addition, Alsup said that his team took a little more time to blossom than some of their intraconference rivals.

"Southwest and Central traditionally get their teams ready early," he said.

Alsup said his team will be ready for the regionals, when Northwest will get another shot at the other MIAA squads. Of particular concern to Alsup are Southwest's Bears and Central's Mules.

"If we lose it will be because they

outraced us in the last mile. We'll go out and stay with them," he said.

Also improved is the teams' confidence. Alsup said that one of the 'Cats biggest assets is their belief in themselves.

"This season they've developed confidence in themselves as a group. If you can keep improving and stay together, you'll win a lot of meets," he said.

Northwest will be at home Oct. 24 for a triangular meet with Northeast Missouri and Central Missouri beginning at 3 p.m. at Nodaway Lake. The meet will immediately follow the Missouri AIAW State Division II-III Championships, which begin at 2 p.m. The meet will pit NEMSU against NWMSU for the first time this season. Alsup expects CMSU to send up only a junior varsity team to the meet because they are concentrating on competing in the regionals. The 'Cat coach on the other hand said it is important for his team to compete in the Nodaway meet because the course there is similar to the one in Cape Girardeau.

Alsup said the team will begin concentrating heavily on the regional meet after the run with Northeast.

"All our efforts are geared towards regionals," he said. "We'll try to sharpen up till then."

Bearkittens tie for third at Park College, host AIAW meet Friday

The womens' cross country team finished in a tie for third place in the Park College Invitational and will host the Missouri AIAW Division II-III womens' cross country meet at Nodaway Lake on Oct. 24.

The 'Kitten's finish was done with the absence of no. 1 runner Cheryl Kiburz who had prior commitments and was unable to run.

The competition also hurt the

Bearkittens as Roberta Darr came out of the race with a possible hairline fracture of her leg. It is doubtful that Kiburz will be running Friday.

The eight-school event was won by Northern Iowa with 18 points. Park finished second with 57 and Northwest and Lincoln University were tied for third with 78.

The run over the Park course was a strange one for the 'Kittens. The course

had logs piled up across the paths and loose rocks over the course, said Pam Medford, head coach.

"We had to run through the gulleys and it was wet and slippery," she said.

Toni Mohr was the first Northwest runner to finish as she posted a time of

16 minutes over the 2.5 miles. Vickie Gordon was the second 'Kitten as she finished 15th in a time of 16.11. She was followed by Darr (19th, 18.05), Wellerding (21st, 18.42) and Jones (23rd, 19.39).

"We had some good times consider-

ing the factors," Medford said. "This was Mohr's first race after two weeks off and she was our first finisher."

Gwen Jones is ineligible because of her late start with the team. Another runner, freshman Wellerding, suffered an ankle sprain while running the Park

course but she is expected to compete Friday.

"The course is in good shape and it is challenging for the teams," Medford said.

Kiburz, Gordon and Wellerding are cont. on page 8

Coach Redd claims 'issue is closed'

By Stu Osterthun

The issue concerning the quitting of wide receiver Adrian Johnson and running back Donald Lott is closed, said Jim Redd, head football coach.

"As far as I'm concerned, the issue is closed," said Redd. "It was a regrettable situation to everyone involved."

Both Johnson and Lott did not suit up for the homecoming game against Rolla

Oct. 11. Johnson quit the team after Redd told him he couldn't wear a bandana on his head during the Rolla game. Johnson refused to take the bandana off and quit the team. Lott missed a required Sunday practice on

Oct. 12. Redd said Lott made no effort to contact him one way or another as to whether he (Lott) would attend practice on Sunday.

The Bearcats played one of their best games of the year against Lincoln this week. Redd said it wasn't the situation with Johnson and Lott that inspired the team to perform well.

"It didn't necessarily inspire us," said Redd. "We didn't use it as a motivation factor."

Redd said he will not try to get the two players back on the 'Cats team for next year. He said that both have indicated to him that they want to play football for someone else next season.

Redd said the problem is solved "as far as I'm concerned."

Redd said he thought he did the right thing with Johnson and Lott. He said they didn't have a good reason for quitting.

"I don't think they did or I wouldn't have done what I did," said Redd.

Quarterback Stan Potter has been missing from practice for a week and Redd has no idea where he is at this time.

"He hasn't been to practice for a week and he hasn't communicated to us at all," said Redd.

The team attitude, despite the incident, is good, said Redd.

"Overall, it is real good," he said. "But towards that situation I don't know, I can't speak for the whole team."

Redd said a football team cannot be winners if there are just individuals on the field.

"Football is a team game," he said. "The attitude was good all last week and we played our best game of the year as a result."

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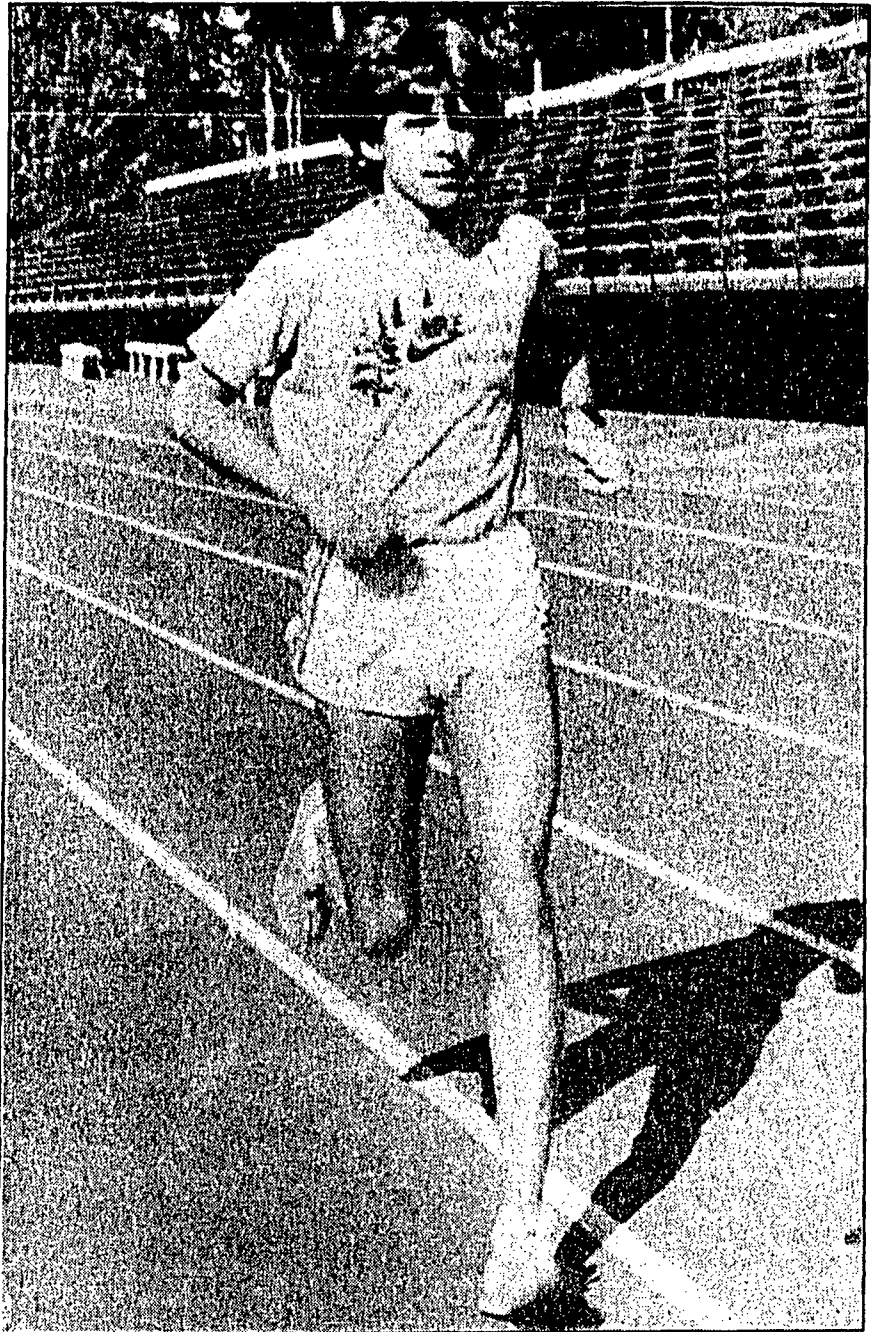
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Montgomery-'Cats marathon marvel



Dave Montgomery warms up on the track in preparation for another grueling workout. Last Sunday it paid off as he finish 12th in a field of 4300 runners at the Detroit International Marathon in a time of 2:23:58. [Missourian Photo/Bob Dolan]

By Bob Dolan

After Frank Shorter won the gold medal in the marathon at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, enthusiasm for the race has grown tremendously within the United States. With runners such as Shorter and Bill Rodgers catching the eye of the media for nation-wide attention, Northwest has one of its very own marathoners who someday will compete with the likes of these two.

At only 22 years of age, senior Dave 'Milt' Montgomery proved last Sunday that he is able to meet their challenge. Competing for the Foot Stop Racing Team of Detroit, Milt finished 12th out of 4300 runners in the Detroit International Marathon. Covering the grueling 26.2 miles in a time of 2:23:58, with an average pace of 5.28 per mile. The Olympic trials qualifying time is 2:21:54. This is based on the top 100 runners of the previous year before the Olympics.

The race was won by Greg Meyers, who set an American record for a first marathon in a time of 2:13:07.

Montgomery's expenses were paid for by the Foot Stop Athletic Clothing store in Detroit. That included the plane trip, entry fee for the race and various other expenses while in Detroit.

Coming out of Royal Oak Kimball High School of Royal Oak, Michigan in 1976, Milt's potential was not yet known. After competing for four years in cross country and track he left with no state titles.

Montgomery went a year and a half at

Oakland Community College in Union Lake, Mich. before transferring to Maryville. While at Oakland, Milt received all conference honors in cross country both seasons he was out.

Upon coming to Northwest three years ago, Milt had the appearance of a 98 pound weakling. At 6-foot, 130 pounds and only able to do one pull-up, Milt was prepared to shock the Bearcat running squad. After running three years for the 'Cats track team, Milt broke the 10,000 meter record each of those years. With one more year of eligibility left, the best could be yet to come.

Milt's goals for the season are easier said than done.

"I basically want to improve on my times. As far as the team is concerned, I'm really looking forward to this spring, cause this should be the best team we've had in a long time," said Montgomery.

Cross country proved to be an even more sensational story for Montgomery. Making all-conference the past two seasons was only part of the tale. The other part was placing 63rd and 31st at nationals in '78 and '79 respectively. Milt's 63rd finish in '78 helped the Bearcats to a 16th place finish in the nation.

Besides the school records in track, Milt is rated as the second fastest 10,000 meters for cross country in Bearcat history. To go along with that there is his third all-time best time in the five mile.

Training for the Detroit Marathon began with the completion of track last spring. Unable to practice a complete marathoner's workout, Milt began training on his own running between 85-100 miles a week. Running up around the Detroit area for the Foot Stop Racing team this summer, Milt was able to compete in many road races. One of which was a 10,000 meter fun-run in which he placed first out of 6,000 other competitors. This is one of the reasons that enabled Milt to be nominated as Michigan A.A.U. runner of the month. Even though Montgomery didn't receive the award he did receive the AAU Outstanding Achievement Award for Michigan.

Although Milt is ineligible for cross country this fall he still helps out the team, which has proven an advantage for both the team and himself.

"Some days it's hard to run hard by yourself. I thought it was good to run with the team cause it helped to motivate me," he said.

Among the team itself, sophomore Jim Ryan said, "As a student-coach, Dave has done an excellent job as an experienced advisor and as a liaison between coach Alsop and the runners."

When it comes to the newer members of the team Milt shows no tendency to ignore them. Freshman Bob Rohlf said, "Dave helps me out alot, even though I'm only a freshman, he'll treat me like anyone else on the team. He'll talk to me about my running and what I should do to help improve myself."

Montgomery runs with a lot of

dedication in which he believes much of it comes from the encouragement he gets.

"It makes it a lot easier too when you have people behind you all the way, like my friends and parents but most important, my girlfriend."

Junior Steve Klatt believes that through Milt's dedication it will help the runners out.

Klatt said, "Dave's a great guy and he has a lot to teach the team. If everybody looked up to Dave and was as dedicated as him, we'd all be better runners."

Junior Mike Emanuele expresses a much stronger statement.

"I feel Dave is the most dedicated runner Northwest has ever had. Even if it was 30 degrees below zero and he had two broken legs, he'd still run," said Emanuele.

Milt plans to graduate in the fall of '81 with a BS in education with an emphasis on PE. After graduation Milt plans on coaching and teaching PE in a secondary school system. As far as his running, Milt's main goal is to qualify for the Olympic trials in 1984. In the meantime, Montgomery hopes to make some type of National Shoe team, which would be a sponsor for all his races.

When it comes to marathoners they usually try to peak around 28 to 32 years of age.

Assistant coach Steve Lucito said, "I feel someday that running the way he is now, by the time he matures as a marathoner, he could be one of the top-ranked runners in the nation."

Basketball team pleases Sinn

Head basketball coach Lionel Sinn is starting his second year at that position, and he couldn't be any happier. After only one week of practice, Sinn said he has been pleased with his players and their attitude.

"I'm very pleased with the fact that they are working hard. They're eager and they have gotten after it very well," Sinn said.

Many coaches around the country say that defense wins ball games and Sinn is no exception.

"For most programs, that's a pretty common thing to do. We try to build team defense for the first couple weeks and use repetition after that," he said. "Any program has to start out with a defensive foundation," he said.

Phil Smith, a junior college transfer from Central Wyoming, isn't surprised with Sinn's defensive outlook either.

"Every basketball coach I've ever had has stressed defense and coach Sinn is no exception," he said.

John Fay, a returner from last year's club, agreed with Sinn's idea of defense.

"The drills are tiresome but you've got to do it to be any kind of ball club," he said. "The first week has mostly been defensive drills but we're adding some offense as well."

Although defense has been a major portion of the team's practices so far, some offense has been worked on as well. Sinn pointed out that the players have been working on moving without the ball, screening, passing and good footwork.

"We've been starting to look at the offense almost as quickly as we have the defensive part of the game," he said.

Sinn said he hasn't really been surprised by anything thus far but he does like the fact that the club is very quick this year.

"We're a much quicker ball team this year and we're hustling more all over the court," he said. "I'm not surprised at any of the players. I knew the five returning players and the six new people have shown the capabilities that I recruited them for. I'm very pleased with what I've seen so far."

Sinn pointed out captains Mark

Yager, John Fay, Phil Smith and Anthony Darby for good leadership in the Bearcat's first week of practice. He also pointed out Victor Coleman.

"Yager and Coleman have shown excellent leadership on the floor," he said.

The 'Cat's held their first scrimmage session of the year Oct. 21 with the Whites beating the Greens by a score of 128-112. The scrimmage was 60 minutes long, (the equivalent of a game-and-a-half). Smith led all the players in scoring and rebounding with 30 points and 22 caroms. Tim Shelby, a junior from Midland Junior College in Texas, led the Green with 28 points. Todd Gordon, a freshman center from Sharpsburg, Iowa, had 26 points and 17 rebounds for the losers.

Sinn said he saw just what he expected to see in their first scrimmage.

"We had no real offense," he said. "We just let them move and use their instinct in a passing type of offense. The defense dominated because we've been working so much on it. Therefore, the shooting percentages were down. But I

wanted the good defensive effort and I got it."

Mental aspects of the game have been stressed in the first week as well and Sinn said he looked for this.

"I'm really looking to see who is thinking on the floor by putting it from the drill phase to a game situation," he said. "There were some good things in the scrimmage and, as expected, there were some mistakes."

Togetherness was a main concern for Sinn before the season began. He isn't as worried about the players playing together now.

"We are very definitely playing together. At this stage, we're getting the outlet passes, running up and down the floor well and I'm seeing a lot of good assists. The players are being unselfish and I'm very pleased with that," he said.

The 'Cats should have some excellent depth this year and Sinn said he wouldn't be surprised to have a starting seven or even a starting nine.

"The test will come after the next six weeks of practice," Sinn said.

Northeast quick

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offense did fine but Northeast was very quick."

Wegner said the players' skills have improved since the beginning of the season.

"They've improved. Their skills have improved four-fold. We need to control the ball better and pass and dribble better. We were unable to move left or right. They pressured us," said Wegner.

Wegner said the women on the team played well and are continually improving their game.

"They played well. They passed well and the play their positions well. That 'soccer-sense' is not quite there but we're working on it," he said.

Wegner said the team is learning new things each game and should be a contender within a year or two.

"They play well as a team and cooperate well," he said. "They realize team concept also. All the players with minimal experience at the beginning of the season have doubled their talents through just a couple of

months practice."

Wegner said, "About 60 to 70 percent of our team is made up of freshmen and sophomores. We could be very good in a year or two."

The Soccer Club travels to Lawrence, Kan. Nov. 9 to take on the Jayhawks in their final match of the fall season.

"They're a club just like us," Wegner said. "They have experience also. They probably can be compared to Nebraska and UNO but they're not quite like Northeast."

Wegner said his team will have to control the ball in order to beat the Jayhawks.

"We have to control the ball better than we have been," said Wegner. "We have the shooters, we can score."

The coach said he plans to keep up the enthusiasm during the winter months.

"During the winter months we're going to view films, sit down with the new players and work on new formations. We also want to instill that 'soccer-sense' into everyone. It should be a good winter," said Wegner.

What else but sports? Johnson-Lott issue closed

By Stu Osterthun

The issue is closed and action has been taken. There is no need to play up the incident that happened last week. By now everyone knows that Adrian Johnson and Donald Lott have quit the team. Coach Redd's views and the two players' views differ greatly.

People can look at it from both sides. Redd definitely has some team rules that all players are expected to abide by. Whether or not these rules were in writing for the players to see is another question. Every coach has to set some type of training rules, dress codes or other regulations to instill class or pride into the players. It obviously wasn't Redd's wish to have Johnson wear the bandana during the Rolla game. It also is up to Johnson to either abide by the rules or suffer the consequences.

I'm not siding with coaches and I'm not siding with the players. I'm trying to point out that not every team can be run smoothly day-in and day-out. It is unfortunate that something like this had to happen.

I believe that Lott sealed his fate when he did not tell the coaching staff that he would miss the Sunday practice. I think that if someone really wants to play football, or any sport for that matter, he has to be dedicated to that sport and put out 100 percent effort every day. A player has to enjoy what he's doing before he can succeed. If a player loses that desire to do well, then it's time to get out. You're only hurting yourself and the team by staying out for the sport.

The decision to continue to play football elsewhere is up to Johnson and Lott. They had the opportunity to do well here and did well here. I think that with their ability, there is a good chance they can continue to play the game, as long as the desire is still there.

Women's cross country

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expected to have good times, Medford said.

"They have the home court advantage and they should place high," she said.

Medford thinks that going into Friday's meet, Central Missouri will be the team to beat as they will go into the

meet with a tough team. Central also goes into the meet knowing the course.

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